


**Remarks:**

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Claim 10 and 11 are currently pending. The specification has been amended for purposes of adding the proper continuation application data back into the specification. In addition, please find enclosed herewith (1) a newly executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63 and (2) a proper Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). No new matter has been added.

In reviewing the prosecution history associated with this application (including the Amendment filed on May 16, 2006 and Supplemental Amendment filed on July 2, 2007), Applicant notes that the claim amendments previously filed on May 16, 2006 were not in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.173. In order to ensure full compliance in this regard, pending claims 10 and 11 are being re-presented in this paper (with bracketing and underlining being made in comparison to the original U.S. Patent 6,253,515). In addition, the Terminal Disclaimer previously filed May 16, 2006 is being re-submitted along with this paper in order to obviate any double patenting concerns.

A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, any further matter requires attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the same.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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